



FESTUS FOCUS

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Happy Holidays!

HEAD LIBRARIAN LOLLIE GRAY RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FESTUS PUBLIC LIBRARY



The City of Festus Library Board and Foundation invites the public to an Open House honoring the Library Director, Lollie Gray on her retirement. The event will occur on Saturday, December 8, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Festus Library, 400 W. Main Street. Lollie has served the Festus Library for 40 years. She has provided exceptional programs and has had the pleasure of witnessing generations of families patronizing the Library. Come help us celebrate Lollie's 40 year career at our Library and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. Our new Library Director, Kathleen Condon-Boettcher, will also be in attendance to introduce herself to our citizens.

New Businesses Keep Moving In

We are pleased to report that Festus is experiencing growth in the area of small businesses. Several have opened in the past few months.

Roses and Relics (pictured below) - 207 S. Second St.

They offer beads, antiques, metal clays, jewelry and more, give them a call at 636-222-0256 to sign up for one of their classes.

Frivoli Tees—133B E. Main St.

ET's PC—#2 Main St.

Zynergy— 103 Borga Place—Check them out for Zumba

We would also like to welcome the Shelton Family who are the new owners of **509 Liquor** at 509 W. Main St.



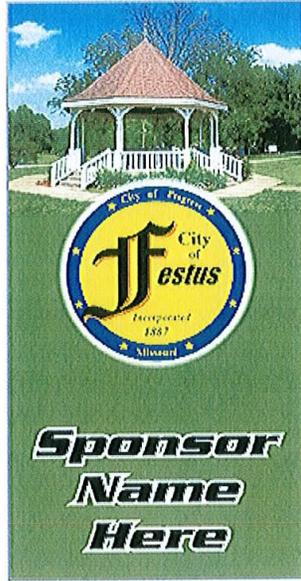
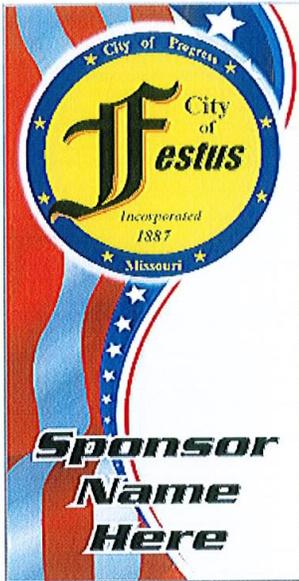
NOTICE OF ELECTION

The City of Festus gives notice of the filing dates for candidates to file for the offices of Council—two year term in Ward I, II, III and IV in the City of Festus for the April 2, 2013 Election. Filings will open on December 11, 2012 at 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and the closing date to file shall be January 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. The city offices will be closed on December 24th, 25th and January 1st. The City of Festus has adopted the "Lottery System" Election Procedures for opening day of filing.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Please help make the holidays wonderful for the kids of Jefferson County. Last year the Toys for Tots campaign collected 13,407 toys and were able to provide toys to 2,025 kids in Jefferson County. You can drop off toys at City Hall or the Police Station. Thank you!





Would you like to sponsor a banner? These new banners will replace the old ones you see around town. You can sponsor a new banner for \$75, plus \$60 to replace the brackets. To sponsor a banner contact Happy Welch at 636-937-4694 or come by city hall.

2nd Annual Tour of Lights at West City Park— The tour will begin with the grand opening the evening of December 7th at 7 p.m. with activities including carolers, hot cocoa, cookies, fireworks and a special visit from Santa Claus. The tour of lights is free and open from 6-10 p.m. every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the month of December and the entire week of Christmas through to New Years Day. Donations are always welcomed! Visit youtube.com and search Festus Tour of Lights



Tour of Lights Sponsorships

Be a sponsor for this year's Tour of Lights—there are three ways you can support this community event.

- Adopt and sponsor your very own spot by decorating & maintaining it.
- Adopt a tree at \$400 (city will hang lights).
- Adopt a tree by sharing ownership with three others at \$100 each.

More information is available at:

www.cityoffestus.org/CityEventsPhotos/TourofLights/tabid/894/default.aspx

Water and Sewer Rate Increases

It is time for the annual water/sewer rate increases that have been scheduled to repay the debt of the water and sewer plants. These increases will be seen on the December 1st water bills. The water rate is increasing 2.9%, and the sewer rate is increasing 2%. For a typical 5,000 gallon per month home usage, the rates will be increasing \$1.82 per month.

Pet of the Month —

The City of Festus has a male mixed breed cattle dog that was picked up as a stray. This fun loving guy has been named Tom-Tom and loves treats and affection. Tom-Tom would like a family to call his own. Tom-Tom



is a very handsome fellow with unique markings. The adoption fee is \$60.00 and includes an exam and rabies shot. If you would like to adopt Tom-Tom, please contact Tim Mullins at 636-937-6646.

REMEMBER TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS!

News Updates—

- **Council Meeting—** December 19th at 7pm.
- **City Offices Closed—** December 24th and 25th and January 1st
- **Trash service** will be running a day behind the week of Christmas and again on New Year's.
- **Contractor's Licenses** expire on December 31st—don't forget to renew!
- **Council Work Session—**December 5th
- **Planning & Zoning—**December 20th
- **Library Board—**December 6th

All times and dates subject to change.